Adult Member Statement of Participation, HWKC

(Coach: Means group BC Coach, BC Leader or designated Safe Person)

1. **Member Declaration**
   1. I have an appropriate Canoe Wales membership and I will abide by the Canoe Wales Code of Conduct.
   2. I am able to swim at least 50m and I am confident in open water wearing my paddling clothing.
   3. I understand the club event approval procedure must be followed to post a trip on the club website.
   4. To participate in a club trip I must sign up on the website. When I sign up I understand I am taking the first step in “acknowledgment of risk”, “declaring myself’ competent to handle the activity” and acknowledging I have third party insurance through Canoe Wales membership.
   5. I understand that before participating I must disclose to a Coach any relevant medical condition or disability.
   6. I will co-operate and listen to coaches and club officials. I understand that coaches must operate within strict guidance. I understand I may not always be able to join the activity I wish.
   7. I will pay close attention to and make sure I understand the safety briefing given before any club trip. I am aware that kayaking and canoeing activities are of a strenuous and adventurous nature. In taking part in the activity I acknowledge the risks, agree to behave responsibly, follow safety instructions and do everything I can to support a safe trip.
   8. I will not participate in club trips under the influence of Alcohol or Drugs.
   9. I will take care of all property belonging to the club or club members
   10. I will treat club members, other paddlers and water users with respect both on and off the water.
   11. I will avoid behaviour which may inconvenience, upset or endanger others.
   12. I have read, understand and will comply with the club Health and Safety policy and associated risk assessments. I know who the current Health and Safety Officer is.
   13. I agree to check with the membership secretary before publishing member’s photos.
2. **Advice on Trips outside the Club**

Trips organised by members via email, social media, etc are **NOT** club trips. Members participating in such trips are strongly advised to:

* Do your own planning so you are clear about the level of undertaking. Risk assess the conditions, equipment, group dynamics etc. before setting out. Hence, you have given “informed consent” to take part.
* If in any doubt about the nature of the trip or conditions, do not go.
* Have Canoe Wales “On the water” membership for third party insurance.

1. **Members taking responsibilities and Coaches declaration**
   1. Consider the wellbeing and safety of paddlers before the development of performance.
   2. Develop an appropriate working relationship with paddlers, based on mutual trust and respect.
   3. Make sure all activities are appropriate to the age, ability and experience of those taking part.
   4. Display consistently high standards of behaviour.
   5. Encourage paddlers to value their performance and not just results.
   6. Give a clear explanation when deciding to cancel or change an event; require the use of particular equipment; or exclude any person.
   7. In the event of an incident: provide a written report to the Health and Safety officer. (Canoe Wales third party insurance requires that club members must NOT discuss an incident with the press or admit liability).
   8. Read and understand the club Safeguarding Policy.
   9. I know who the current Welfare Officer is.
   10. Read and comply with the “British Canoeing Code of Conduct for Coaching Workforce”.
2. **Inappropriate Behaviour**
   1. Coaches may exclude from an activity anyone they consider to be in breach of these rules, after a reasonable opportunity to stop the offending behaviour has been given.
   2. Breaches of the rules will be reported to the Club Chair who will decide on appropriate further action within the constitution of the club.
   3. A member is responsible for the cost of any club equipment damaged through their irresponsible behaviour.
3. **Data Protection**
   1. I agree to committee members and Canoe Wales having confidential access to my contact details.
   2. I agree to my emergency contact details and medical details being shared confidentially with club coaches and leaders.
4. **Members of Other Clubs**
   1. Members from other clubs or professional coaches may participate in club closed trips provided this is infrequent; they have Canoe Wales “On The Water” membership and they have agreed to this Statement of Participation.

These Rules were adopted by the General Committee in March 2019, Revised January 2022. Revised October 2023. Next Review January 2026.